



# Focuses on Housing

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## **Community Assistance Team Will Hold Downtown Revitalization Workshops**

MSHDA's Community Assistance Team (CATEam) will be holding four Downtown Revitalization Workshops in January 2007. These workshops will focus on the various programs and tools communities can use to revitalize their traditional downtowns and commercial districts. CATEam specialists will be on hand to answer questions, and communities who have successfully used these programs will be there to present their case studies. Additionally, the CATEam anticipates announcing new rounds for Michigan Main Street, Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns, Blueprints for Michigan's Neighborhoods, as well as the Signature Building and Façade Improvement programs. For more information regarding the Downtown Revitalization Workshops, please feel free to contact the CATEam Office at (517) 241-1737.

## **Premier of "The Pursuit of Happyness" Benefits the Homeless**

Through the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Sony Pictures provided a free prescreening of the movie "Pursuit of Happyness," before its release date on December 15. The prescreenings were held in three cities in Michigan which included Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint. The events were targeted toward community leaders and opinion makers who are involved in Michigan's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The movie is based on the true-life story of Chris Gardner, who was the keynote speaker at the 2005 Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing. Donovan & Smith Marketing and Media will be sponsoring another screening in conjunction with MSHDA in Lansing on December 19 to allow Mid-Michigan homeless advocates the chance to view the movie as well.

## **Michigan's 9th Annual Conference on Affordable Housing — April 30-May 2, 2007**

The Ninth Annual Conference on Affordable Housing will take place April 30 - May 2, 2007 at the Lansing Center. The Conference will again offer many exciting and educational tracks to engage attendees. The event is hosted by many state agencies in an effort to provide attendees with the most accurate and beneficial information possible. To learn more about this year's conference or to register to attend, please visit the conference Web site at: [www.housingconference.org](http://www.housingconference.org)

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## MSHDA GRANTS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contact Telephone #</u>
<b>HOUSING RESOURCE FUND</b>		
City of Ironwood	\$243,900	(906) 932-5050
Schoolcraft County	\$149,800	(906) 341-5126
NCCS Center for Nonprofit Housing	\$60,000	(231) 924-0641
Rural Michigan CDC	\$30,000	(989) 742-7576
<b>HOME CD</b>		
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency	\$185,220	(989) 386-3805
Lighthouse Communities	\$305,145	(616) 451-9140
Homeplace Community Land Trust	\$90,009	(734) 913-4060
Sturgis Neighborhood Program	\$133,300	(269) 651-4780
City of Lapeer	\$249,900	(810) 667-2500
<b>MSHDA CRITICAL NEEDS</b>		
Community Healing Center	\$8,290	(269) 279-5187
<b>MSHDA STATEWIDE PARTNERSHIPS</b>		
Michigan Suburbs Alliance	\$30,000	
CEDAM	\$248,500	(517) 485-3588

## MSHDA'S OCTOBER PRODUCTION FIGURES

<u>MSHDA Program</u>	<u>Number of Loans</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Homeownership	158	\$15,846,704
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	91	\$ 8,998,302
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	16	\$ 24,942.54

## JUST A REMINDER

We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the state of MSHDA's many affordable housing options is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

## MSHDA PUBLICATIONS

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